

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated:

1. (Currently Amended) An aiming device for drilling a hole in a region of a bone which is in the vicinity of a joint, comprising: a U-shaped bow having at least one contact element at a first end of the bow and, at a second end of the bow a screw spindle movable towards and away from the contact element and having a rotary grip, for clamping the device to the region of the bone in the vicinity of the joint, and a drill bushing, wherein the drill bushing can be removably inserted through the contact element, the drill bushing being configured to guide insertion of an instrument therethrough and into a portion of bone in contact with the contact element, a bone compression produced by the bow persisting after removal of the drill bushing for insertion of a bone screw.
2. (Previously Presented) The aiming device according to claim 1, wherein the bone screw is configured for insertion between the contact element and a target bone plate.
3. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the contact element is a rotationally movable adaptor bushing.
4. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 3, wherein the adaptor bushing can be caused to form a plug connection with a target plate which can be screwed onto an implant.
5. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 4, wherein the drill bushing can be guided through the adaptor bushing and can be caused to engage the implant.
6. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 5, wherein a scale for determining the length of a bone screw to be inserted into the hole is mounted on the screw spindle or on an element firmly connected to or engaging said screw spindle.
7. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 6, wherein an end of the screw spindle which faces the contact element has a rotationally movably mounted changeable pin.

8.(Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the rotary grip is in the form of a nut mounted on the screw spindle .

9. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 8, wherein the nut is mounted in a recess of the bow .

10. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the bow is in the form of a lattice structure or has various cut-outs.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for inserting distal angle-stable, long screws in the articular region of a bone, comprising the steps of: screwing a target plate to a lateral implant prior to performing a target procedure, the target plate and lateral implant being mounted on an adaptor bushing of an aiming device by a plug connection; inserting a drill bushing into an orifice of a cylindrical guide, wherein the drill bushing, on passing through the adaptor bushing and the target plate, comes into contact with a complementary internal thread in a bore of the lateral implant, whereupon the target plate and lateral implant are placed together on a fragmented portion of the bone and clamped by a screw spindle of the aiming device and fixed through the implant by means of a proximal bone screw, so that ~~that~~ a point of emergence of the distal, angle-stable long screws can be determined prior to drilling after the target plate and lateral implant have been correctly aligned, drilling can be effected through the integrated drill bushing, it being possible directly to determine the length of the distal angle-stable long screw to be used and hence the depth of the hole to be drilled, in particular on the basis of a scale mounted on the screw spindle; removing the drill bushing; and inserting the distal angle-stable long bone screw while maintaining the compression of the bone.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the aiming device comprises a U-shaped bow with a contact element on one end of the bow and a screw spindle on the other end of the bow and a removable drill bushing in the contact element, wherein, when the bow is positioned on the bone, compression is produced by means of the screw spindle against the contact element, a bone bore is then produced while maintaining compression through the drill bushing and the drill bushing is then removed, the compression between screw spindle and contact element persisting, after which a bone screw is screwed into the bone while maintaining the compression.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[11]] 12, wherein the bow and the contact element are mounted after prior positioning of the lateral implant, so that the lateral implant is kept pressed against the bone by the compression, the lateral implant remaining fixed on the bone by the bone screw.

14. (Currently Amended) A kit for assembling a device for inserting angle-stable long screws in the articular region of a bone, comprising: a U-shaped bow having a contact element at a first end and an adjustable screw spindle at a second end, a target bone plate which can be connected to the U-shaped bow, a drill bushing capable of being inserted through the contact element, the drill bushing being configured to guide insertion of an instrument therethrough and into a portion of bone in contact with the contact element and an implant which can be temporarily fixed to the target bone plate.

15. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 14, wherein the target bone plate is capable of being attached to the implant by a threaded connection with the drill bushing.